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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Henry S. Rowen

Chairman

SUBJECT:

Request for Signature of Covering Letter to

Cabinet-Level Officers

The Memorandum to Holders of SNIE 6-78 on nuclear terrorism is now ready for dissemination. This is to request your signature on the covering letter for the copies going to the Vice President, Secretaries of State, Defense and Energy, the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director, OMB. (I am sending copies to selected sub-cabinet officials.)

Attachment: As Stated

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The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Intelligence Community recently completed an updated assessment of the likelihood of various kinds of nuclear incidents perpetrated by foreign terrorist groups (enclosed). Its key findings acknowledge the rising public apprehension over nuclear power development and nuclear weapons modernization—conditions that present new opportunities for terrorist exploitation by attacking nuclear weapons or power plants or by perpetrating a hoax. The findings also underscore the very serious consequences of any such incidents including political pressures for removal of US nuclear weapons from foreign nations and a crippling of the nuclear power industry.

Respectfully yours,

William J. Casey

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr. Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Al:

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Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger Secretary of Defense Department of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Honorable David A. Stockman Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Dave:

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Honorable James B. Edwards Secretary of Energy US Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Jim:

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Honorable William P. Clark Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Honorable Donald T. Regan Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Don:

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Honorable William H. Webster Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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General David C. Jones Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Washington, D.C. 20301

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